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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Cheng-Ku Chen

Group Art Unit: 2823

Serial No.: 09/ 996,864

Examiner: Long Pham

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In Response to Office Action
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Layer and Top Protection Layer#4 Response
M. Baumson
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Kathy DixonDate: May 24, 2002RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed May 9, 2002 of a restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner, the Applicants hereby elect with traverse the prosecution of Group II, device claims (claims 1-7 and 17-20).

Respectfully submitted,

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